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**BLOCK SPLITTING ASSEMBLY AND METHOD** 

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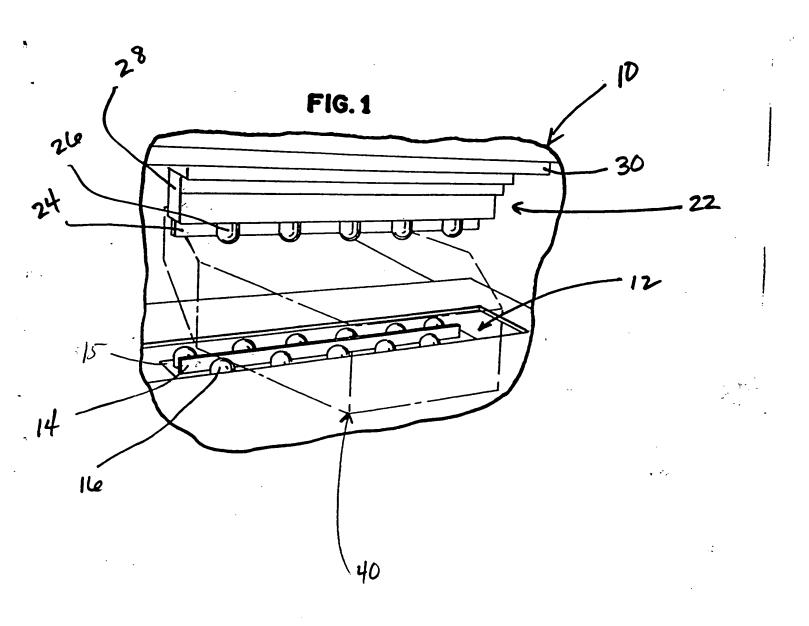
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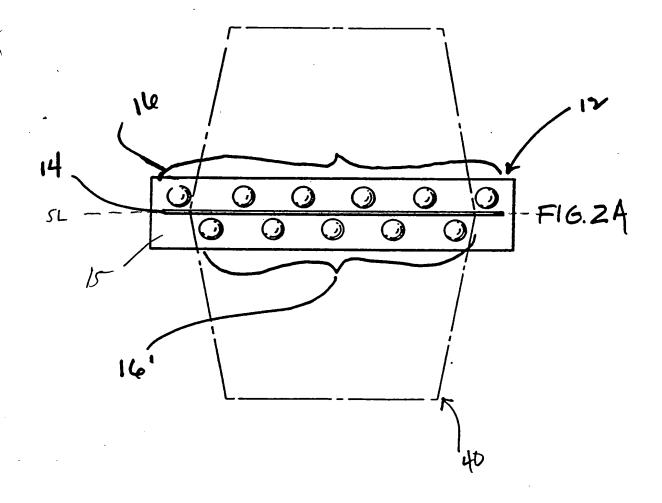
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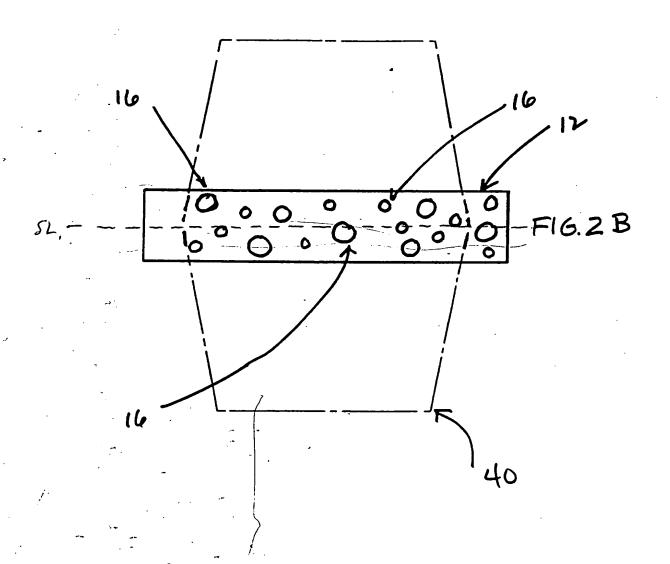




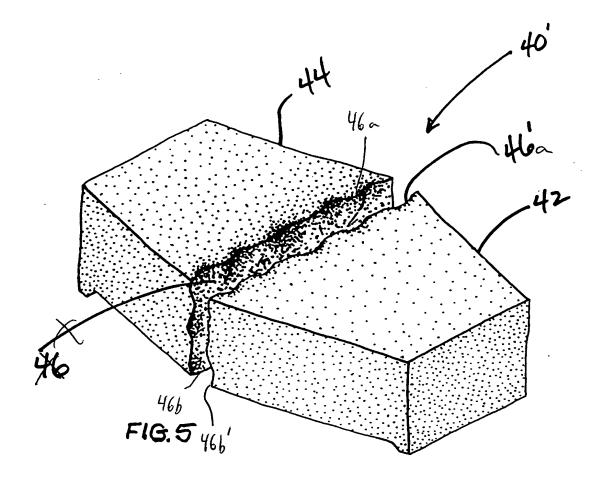
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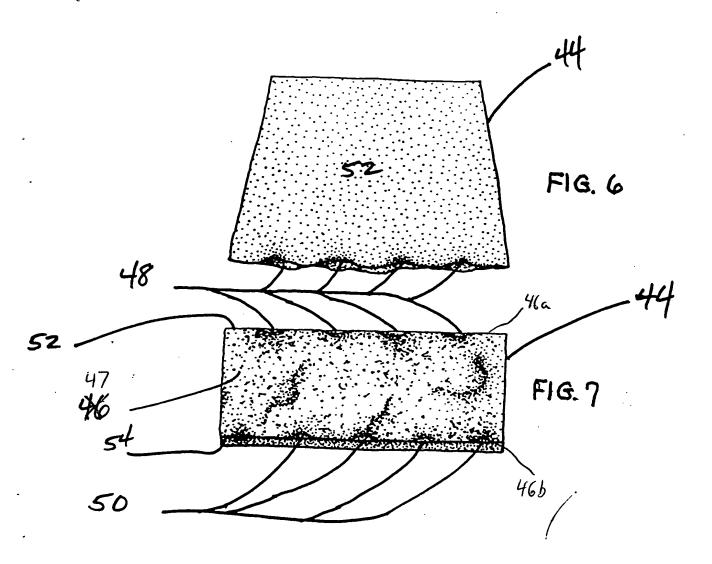




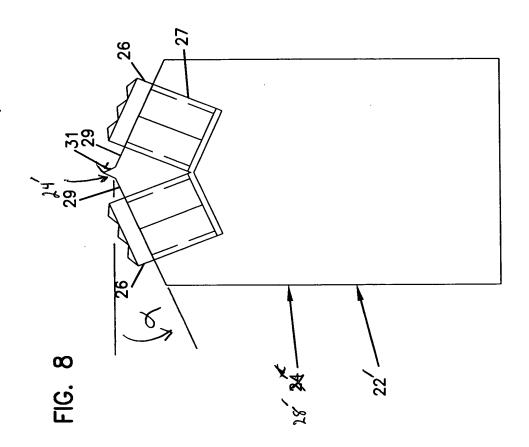






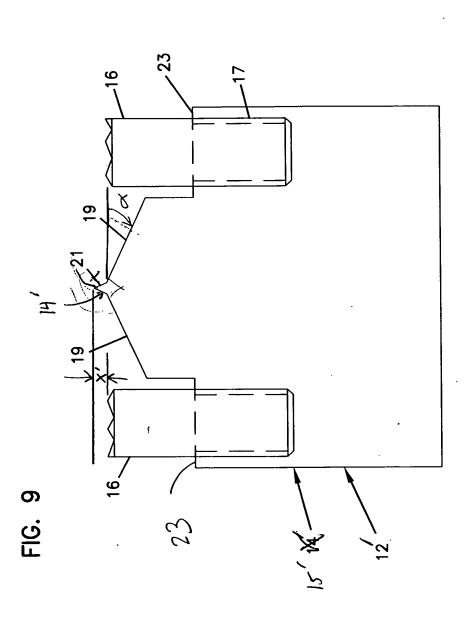






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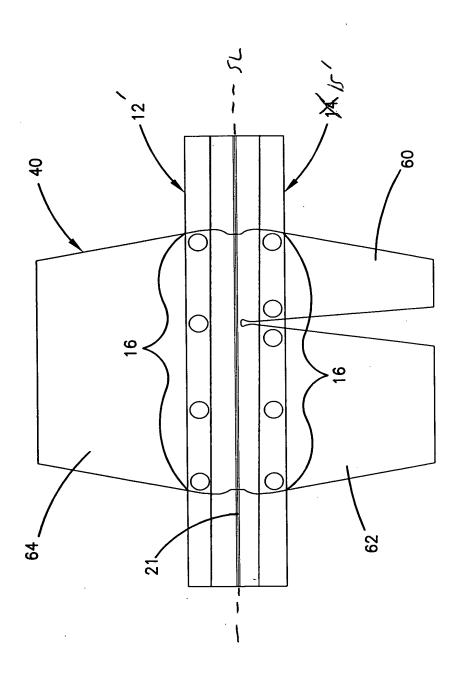


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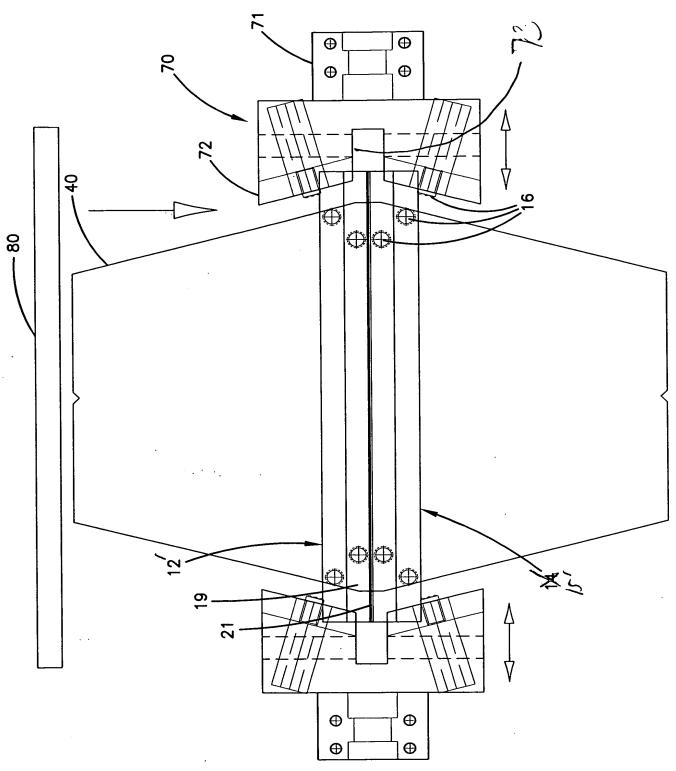


FIG. 1